

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 5**

**28th February 2012**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

As we move into Week Five of Term One for this year, I wish to highlight that one of the most important, though often understated events of our school year happens this term. The PTA Annual General Meeting is a very important occasion for a number of reasons. The most important being that the PTA at our school is a vital component of our school's special character. We have dedicated and motivated group who put in a large amount of time to arrange social events, raise funds and support the links between home and school. As a Decile Eight school we receive little additional money in the form of grants from the Ministry of Education and yet we would be one of the best resourced primary schools that I am aware of. The reason for this is the funds that our PTA raise annually through the school fair and other activities. The money raised on a per capita basis would easily be the highest that I am aware of, and this money is the reason our pupils enjoy the excellent resources and support that they do.

**The PTA AGM is in the school Foyer at 7pm this Thursday. Our guest speaker is David Young, an expert on eLearning and ICT, and he will talk about what electronic devices are the best option for your child and cyber safety.** Dave spoke last year and he was such a popular guest speaker a number of people wanted to hear more. On top of this at our recent parent information evenings a number of parents asked questions on the matters, so here is someone to give you the answers.

The reason that our PTA is so strong is because of the exceptional group of people on it, but there is always room for more helpers, if you would like to support your child's learning in this most positive way then please come along to the AGM and be prepared to serve on the committee.

**Have a great week,  
Mike Brosnahan.**

## Room 7 Assembly



**Our Vision :** Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

### Dates for 2012

#### February

Monday 27th Junior Swimming starts

#### March

Thursday 1st PTA AGM 7pm  
Scholastic Book Club Due  
Thursday 22nd Catholic Schools Fun  
Sports Day

Friday 23rd Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm

Monday 26th Otago Anniversary Day—  
school closed

Tuesday 27th Room 7 Rafting Trip

April 5th Easter Assembly

#### Altar Servers Sunday 4th March

Mitchell & Mason Cumming, Sam O'Neill

#### A thought for the week...

Great people are those who can make others feel that they, too, can become great. - Mark Twain

#### ERO

The Education Review Office will be conducting it's regular Triennial review of our school in Week Seven (beginning 12th March) of this Term.

#### Room 7 - Technology at Taieri College



#### PTA Notices:

##### PTA AGM This Thursday 1st March

Starting at 7pm with a Guest Speaker Dave Young, at 7.30pm we will have a tea break then onto the AGM at 7.45pm.

Please come along and support the PTA. New members are very welcome.

#### Beginning of Year Fees

The bottom section of the stationery list have the costs to be **paid to the school office**, ie some senior classes have Math's Mates, junior children have swimming etc, these costs are all listed.



Please pay this to the school office by the end of February (next week) as the school has to pay these on your behalf.

#### Prayer for Second Sunday of Lent

God our loving Father, lent is a time to become less centered on ourselves and more centered on others.

During this second week of Lent, help us to find a few minutes in each day to pause and be aware of your presence in our lives, in our school, and in our world. Help us to make one daily extra effort to encourage someone who may feel discouraged, in include someone who may feel lonely.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

#### Ash Wednesday Mass

Thank you to the following pupils who participated in the liturgy last week:

Brendan O'Neill, Shannon Crooks, Mitchell Cumming, Jaylah Kennedy, Emma Hyde, Jayden Grindley, Lorie Parker, & Sinead Illingworth.





### Taieri Junior Rugby Club

Registration 2012

Thursday 8th March 6.30-7.30pm

Sunday 14th March 10am-12pm

Thursday 15th March 6.30-7.30pm

At Peter Johnstone Park Clubrooms, Subs:

Midgets \$15

One child \$45

Two children per family \$75

Three children per family \$85

Socks & shorts available for purchase.

Enquiries to Peter Dyer 489-3229



### Room 7 Assembly



### Mosgiel Junior Soccer Club - Registrations 2012



#### New Registration Process – Online at [www.mjfc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.mjfc.sportingpulse.net)

then select junior registration form. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Youth Grade are required to register online **before the 6<sup>th</sup> March** to guarantee a place in a team.

Midget players and anyone without a computer can register on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 6pm – 8pm at Memorial Park Clubrooms. Eftpos available.

Subs: 1 child : \$75

2 children: \$120 (= \$75 + \$45)

3 children: \$140 (= \$75 + \$45 + 20)

Midgets \$35 (Midgets: free ball), Socks \$7

Any questions contact: Craig Whitson 4895644, or Michael Mackenzie 4891622

### East Taieri Home & School Plains Junior Triathlon

Friday **2nd March** 2012,

Report at 5pm.

Memorial Park Mosgiel



Entries close 29th, no entries on the day.

5 – 7 Years- 400m run / 400m bike / 24m swim

8 – 10 Years- 1km run / 1km bike / 50m swim

11 – 14 Years- 1km run / 2km bike / 150m swim

Entry forms available at St Mary's School office.

Cost \$15pp, \$10 each if more than one sibling per family, or \$30 team



### Touch—Term 1 2012

The fees for Touch this term are \$15 per player.

Please send the money in a named envelope to the school office. Thanks.



### Tissues

It would be great to replenish our stock of tissues as we have had an early round of runny noses! Please send along a box of tissues to your child's class teacher to use in their classroom.